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Ore Dressing Laboratory of Universidad Tecnica de Oruro
Boris Lubinski

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1. Approximately US\$15,000 worth of laboratory sized ore dressing equipment has been ordered for the laboratory in the Universidad Tecnica de Oruro. Practically all the equipment is from a US producer. If present plans are completed it will be one of the best ore dressing laboratories in Bolivia. At the present time the University has practically no facilities. Boris Lubinski is professor of ore dressing, and is responsible for the plan for installing the equipment.

2. Lubinski is a Yugoslav who escaped from Yugoslavia. At one time he was metallurgist at the Colquiri mill. Later he was transferred to Machacamarca as Mill Superintendent. Shortly thereafter he was run off the property under a threat to kill him, his wife, and his children. The Syndicate did not like Lubinski because he was a Yugoslav, and insisted that a Bolivian should be put into the job as Mill Superintendent. Julio Aguirre then succeeded Lubinski at Machacamarca. However, the Bolivia government in La Paz realized that Lubinski was a far betterman than the majority of the technicians then in the various mills around Bolivia so he was put into the University as Professor of Ore Dressing. He is not at all satisfied with the political situation in Bolivia but will put up with it in order to have more freedom than he had in Yugoslavia.

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